

Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union

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The **Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union** (ABU), formed in 1964, is a non-profit, professional association of broadcasting organisations. It currently has over 280 members in 57 countries and regions, reaching a potential audience of about 3 billion people. The ABU's role is to help the development of broadcasting in the Asia-Pacific region and to promote the collective interests of its members. The ABU covers an area stretching from [Turkey](#) in the west to [Samoa](#) in the east, and from [Mongolia](#) in the north to [New Zealand](#) in the south. Its secretariat is located in [Angkasapuri, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia](#), its secretary-general, currently Dr Javad Mottaghi.

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ABU headquarters in Angkasapuri, Kuala Lumpur

Formation	1 July 1964 [64 years ago
Type	Union of broadcasting organisations
Headquarters	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Membership	286 members (from 57 countries and regions)
Official language	English
President	Ryoichi Ueda
Website	http://www.abu.org.my/

One of the ABU's activities is [Asiavision](#), a daily exchange of news feeds by [satellite](#) among television stations in 20 countries in Asia. The ABU also negotiates coverage rights to major sports events for its members collectively, and carries out a wide range of activities in the programme and technical areas. The ABU provides a forum for promoting the collective interests of television and radio broadcasters, and encourages regional and international co-operation between broadcasters.

Full members must be national [free-to-air](#) broadcasters in the Asia-Pacific region, but there is an associate membership category that is open to provincial broadcasters, subscription broadcasters and national broadcasters in other parts of the world, and an affiliate category that is open to organisations connected to broadcasting.

Overview



ABU former President
Cho Dae-hyun

The ABU's activities include:

- a daily satellite TV news exchange ([Asiavision](#))
- co-production and exchange of programmes
- negotiating rights for major sports events and organising coverage
- technical, programming and management consultancy services
- advising members on copyright and legal matters
- rights-free content acquisition for developing countries
- representing members in international forums
- international frequency planning and coordination
- organising seminars, workshops and training courses
- annual competition for radio and television programmes (ABU Prizes)
- a robot competition for engineering students ([Robocon](#))
- publication of ABU News and Technical Review
- started 2012: [ABU TV and Radio Song Festivals](#)^{[1][2]}



Journalists from ABU member organisations

The ABU works closely with the regional broadcasting . in other parts of the world on matters of common concern, and with many other international organisations, to exchange information on the latest developments in broadcasting, undertake activities to improve the skills and technologies of its members, and encourage harmonisation of operating and technical broadcasting standards and systems in the region. The ABU is funded primarily by annual subscriptions from members. The Union has an elected President and three Vice-Presidents, who serve three-year terms. The current President is Yoshinori Imai of NHK-Japan.

The ABU Secretariat is located in Angkasapuri, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. It has over 30 staff, of whom 12 are broadcast professionals recruited from among the ABU members within the region. The head of the Secretariat is the Secretary-General, who is appointed by the General Assembly. The current Secretary-General is Dr. Javad Mottaghi. The Asia-Pacific region is defined in the ABU statutes as countries within areas of Asia and the Pacific that lie substantially between the longitudes of 30 degrees east and 170 degrees west. On the map, this region stretches from Turkey in the west, to Samoa in the east, and from Russia in the north, to New Zealand in the south. All of the ABU's full members operate in this region.

Most of the ABU's associate members are European and North American broadcasters, many of whom have operations in Asia, and pay-TV and cable operators in the Asia-Pacific. Its affiliate members include satellite providers, telcos, production companies, equipment vendors and regulators. The ABU is the third largest of the world's eight broadcasting unions, but covers the largest geographic area of the world.

Membership

A number of different membership types are available to national broadcasters and national broadcasting organisations. These include full, additional full, associate, affiliate and institutional memberships.^[3]

Full members

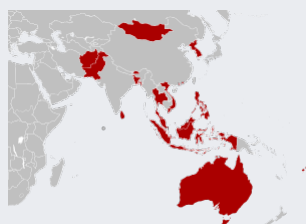


Countries with Full ABU Membership.

- Below is a list of full members of the ABU. These are members who are independent nations within the ABU broadcasting region, and consist of two members per country. Broadcasters have the option to change between full and additional full membership.^[3]

 Singapore	Media Corporation of Singapore	新传媒私人有限公司 (Chinese) Perbadanan Media Singapura Sendirian Berhad (Malay) மீடியாகார்ப் (Tamil)	Mediacorp
 South Korea	Korean Broadcasting System	한국방송공사	KBS
	Munhwa Broadcasting Corporation	문화방송주식회사	MBC
 Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation	සමමාන්‍ය විද්‍යා සම්ප්‍රේෂණ සමාගම (Sinhala) இலங்கை ஒலிபரப்புக் கூட்டுத்தாபனம் (Tamil)	SLBC
	Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation	රූපවාහිනි සමාගම (Sinhala) இலங்கை ரூபவாகினி கூட்டுத்தாபனம் (Tamil)	SLRC
 Thailand	National Broadcasting Services of Thailand	การกระจายเสียงและแพร่ภาพสาธารณะแห่งประเทศไทย	NBT
	Television Pool of Thailand	กองทัพอากาศ	TPT
 Timor Leste	Radio-Television of East Timor	Radio-Televisão Timor Leste (Portuguese) Radio-Televízaun Timor Lorosae (Tetum)	RTTL
 Tonga	Tonga Broadcasting Commission	Tonga Broadcasting Commission Komisoni Fakamafolalea Tonga (Tongan)	TBC
 Turkey	Turkish Radio and Television Corporation	Türkiye Radyo ve Televizyon Kurumu	TRT
 Turkmenistan	State Committee of Turkmenistan for Television, Radio Programs and Cinematography	Türkmenistanyň Telewideniýe, radiogepleşikler we kinematografiýa baradaky döwlet komiteti	TTV
 Uzbekistan	National Television and Radio Company of Uzbekistan	O'zbekiston milliy teleradiokompaniyasi	MTRK
 Vanuatu	Vanuatu Broadcasting and Television Corporation	Vanuatu Broadcasting and Television Corporation Société de Radiodiffusion et Télévision du Vanuatu (French)	VBTC
 Vietnam	Vietnam Television	Đài Truyền hình Việt Nam	VTV
	Voice of Vietnam	Đài Tiếng nói Việt Nam	VOV

Additional full members



Countries with Additional Full ABU Membership.

- Below is a list of additional full members of the ABU. These are members who already have 2 full member organisations, and for countries in non-independent area.^[3]

Country	Broadcasting organisation	National script	Abbr.
 Afghanistan	Ariana Radio and Television Network	آريانا تلويزيون	ATN
	Educational Radio and Television	—	ERTV
	Noorin Radio Television Network	تلويزيون نورين	NRTN
	Saba Media Organisation	تلويزيون سبا	Saba TV
 Bangladesh	Radio Broadcasting FM (Bangladesh) Company Limited	Radio Broadcasting FM (Bangladesh) Co. Ltd.	Radio Today
 Bhutan	Centennial Radio	—	CR101
	Kuzoo FM	—	KFM
 Fiji	Fiji Broadcasting Corporation	—	FBC
 Hong Kong	Hong Kong Commercial Broadcasting Company Limited	香港商業電台	HKCBC
	Metro Broadcast Corporation Limited	新城廣播有限公司	METRO
	Radio Television Hong Kong	香港電台	RTHK
	Television Broadcasts Limited	電視廣播有限公司	TVB
 Indonesia	Rajawali Citra Television Indonesia	Rajawali Citra Televisi Indonesia	RCTI
	Indonesian Education Television	Televisi Pendidikan Indonesia	MNCTV



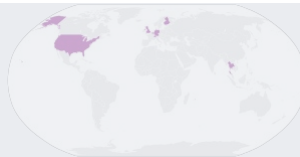
Countries with Associate ABU Membership.

- Below is a list of associate members of the ABU. These are international broadcasters beyond the ABU region, and national broadcasting associations.^[3]

Country	Broadcasting organisation	National script	Abbr.
Australia	Commercial Radio Australia Limited	<i>Commercial Radio Australia Limited</i>	CRA
	CVC Network Limited	<i>CVC Network Limited</i>	CVC
France	France Télévisions	<i>Organismes Français de Radiodiffusion et de Télévision</i>	OFRT
Germany	German National Broadcasting (Deutsche Welle)	<i>Arbeitsgemeinschaft der öffentlich-rechtlichen Rundfunkanstalten der Bundesrepublik Deutschland</i>	ARD
	Second German Television	<i>Zweites Deutsches Fernsehen</i>	ZDF
Hong Kong	Cable TV Hong Kong	香港有線電視	HKCTV
	Phoenix Television	鳳凰衛視控股有限公司	Phoenix TV
	Dim Sum Television	點心衛視	Dim Sum TV
	PCCW Media Limited	電訊盈科有限公司	Now TV
Japan	National Association of Commercial Broadcasters in Japan	日本民間放送連盟	JBA
Indonesia	PT Media Televisi Indonesia	—	METRO TV
	PT Indonusa Telemedia	—	Telkomvision
	PT Karyamegah Adijaya	—	Aora TV
Malaysia	ASTRO All Asia Networks plc	—	AAAN
	U Television Holdings Sdn Bhd	—	U Television
Mauritius	Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation	<i>Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation</i>	MBC
Micronesia	Federated States of Micronesia Broadcasting Service	—	FSMBS
Mongolia	Eagle Broadcasting Company	Ийгл Телевиз	EBC
	BTV Television	—	"BTV" Television
	DDishTV	ДДэшТВ ХХК	DDish TV
	Supervision Broadcasting Network Television	SBN Телевиз	SBN
Netherlands	Radio Netherlands Worldwide	Radio Nederland Wereldomroep	RNW
New Zealand	Radio New Zealand	- Radio New Zealand (English) - Te Reo Irirangi o Aotearoa (Māori)	RNZ
Norway	Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation	<i>Norsk rikskringkasting</i>	NRK
Pakistan	Geo Independent Media Corporation Ltd	<i>Geo Television</i>	Geo
Philippines	Association of Broadcasters of the Philippines	<i>Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas</i>	KBP
Qatar	Al Jazeera English	قناة الجزيرة حاصلة	AJE
Russia	All-Russia State Television and Radio Broadcasting Company	<i>Всероссийская государственная телевизионная и радиовещательная компания</i>	VGTRK
	Alternative Irkutsk Studio of TV	—	AIST
Singapore	MediaCorp TV	<i>MediaCorp Pte Ltd</i>	MediaCorp TV
Switzerland	Swiss Broadcasting Corporation	- SRG SSR - Radio- und Fernsehgesellschaft (German) - Société suisse de radiodiffusion et télévision (French) - Società svizzera di radiotelevisione (Italian) - Societad svizra da radio e televisiun (Romansh)	SRG SSR
United Kingdom	British Broadcasting Corporation	<i>British Broadcasting Corporation</i>	BBC
USA	American Broadcasting Company	<i>American Broadcasting Companies</i>	ABC
	CBS Corporation	<i>CBS Corporation</i>	VIACOM/CBS
	National Association of Broadcasters	<i>National Association of Broadcasters</i>	NAB
	Turner Broadcasting System	<i>Turner Broadcasting System</i>	TBS
	Voice of America	<i>Voice of America</i>	VOA
	Trans World Radio	<i>Trans World Radio</i>	TWR

Institutional members

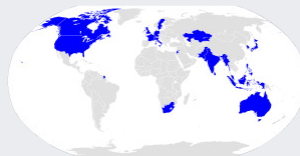




Countries with ABU Institutional Membership.

Country	Broadcasting organisation	National script	Abbr.
Belgium	International News Safety Institute	<i>International News Safety Institute</i>	INSI
Germany	PRIX JEUNESSE International	—	
Hong Kong	Cable & Satellite Broadcasting Association of Asia	<i>Cable & Satellite Broadcasting Association of Asia</i>	CASBAA
Switzerland	Digital Radio Mondiale	<i>Digital Radio Mondiale</i>	DRM
Thailand	Asia-Pacific Telecommunity	<i>Asia Pacific Telecommunity</i>	APT
United Kingdom	Association for International Broadcasting	<i>The Association for International Broadcasting</i>	AIB
	International News Safety Institute	<i>International News Safety Institute</i>	INSI
	WorldDMB	<i>WorldDMB</i>	WorldDMB
USA	International Academy of Television Arts and Sciences	<i>International Academy of Television Arts and Sciences</i>	IATAS
	United Nations Department of Public Information	<i>United Nations Department of Public Information</i>	UN-DPI

Affiliated members



Countries with Affiliated ABU Membership.

Country	Broadcasting organisation	National script	Abbr.
Australia	Radio Frequency Systems	<i>Radio Frequency Systems</i>	RFS
	Broadcast Australia	<i>Broadcast Australia</i>	
	Globecast Australia	<i>Globecast Australia</i>	
	Asia Media Monitors Sdn. Bhd.	<i>Asia Media Monitors Sdn. Bhd.</i>	AMM
Canada	International Business Communications Consultants	<i>International Business Communications Consultants</i>	IBC Consultants
France	Eutelsat	<i>Eutelsat S.A</i>	
Germany	LS telcom AG	—	Lstelcom
Hong Kong	AsiaSat	<i>Asia Satellite Telecommunications Company Limited</i>	AsiaSat
	Bloomberg L.P.	—	Bloomberg
	ITV Choice	<i>ITV International Hong Kong</i>	
India	Broadcast Engineering Consultants India	<i>Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited</i>	BECIL
	Network 1 Pvt Ltd	—	N1
	IndusInd Media and Communications Limited	<i>IndusInd Media and Communications Limited</i>	IMCL
	Technomedia Solutions	<i>Technomedia Solutions Ptv Ltd</i>	Technomedia
Indonesia	First Media	<i>PT First Media Tbk</i>	First Media
	Indosat	<i>PT Indonesia Satellite Corporation Tbk</i>	Indosat
	PT Adhi Karya	<i>PT. Adhi Karya (Persero) Tbk</i>	AKV
Italy	Deltatre	—	SPA
Japan	SKY Perfect JSAT Corporation	スカパーJSAT株式会社	SKY Perfect JSAT Corporation
	NHK Enterprise	—	
	NHK Integrated Technology	—	NHK ITEC
	NHK International	—	
	NHK Global Media Services	—	NHK G-Media
	SoftBank Telecom	ソフトバンクテレコム株式会社	Softbank Telecom

	Jordan Telecom	التركيبة الفضائية	Jordan Telecom
 Jordan	Arab Radio and Television Network	<i>Arab Radio and Television</i>	ART
 Kazakhstan	OKNO-TV Kazakhstan	—	OKNO-TV Kazakhstan
 Mauritius	Multi Carrier	<i>Multi Carrier (Mauritius) Limited</i>	MCML
 Myanmar	Forever Group	—	Forever Group
 Malaysia	Celcom	<i>Celcom Axiata Berhad'</i>	CELCOM
	MEASAT Satellite Systems	<i>MEASAT Satellite Systems</i>	MEASAT
	Outsourced Broadcast Networks	—	on
 Pakistan	Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority	<i>Pakistan Electronic Media Regulator Authority</i>	PEMRA
 Philippines	Mabuhay Satellite Corporation	<i>Mabuhay Investment Corporation</i>	MIC
	ABC Development Corporation	-	ADC
 Singapore	Ascent Media Corporation	<i>Ascent Media Corporation</i>	Ascent Media
	KIT Digital	<i>Benchmark Broadcast Systems (S) Pte. Ltd.</i>	BSS
	Globecast Asia	<i>Globecast Asia Pte Ltd</i>	GCA
	Intelsat Singapore Pte Ltd	—	Intelsat
	Media Development Authority	媒体发展管理局	MDA
	Motion Picture Association	<i>Motion Picture Association International</i>	MPA
	NewTec Asia Pacific Pte Ltd	—	NewTec
	PCCW Global (Singapore) Pte Ltd	電訊盈科有限公司	PCCW
	Telesto Broadcast Solutions	—	
	Editec International	—	
	Sony Entertainment Television	<i>Sony Electronics Asia Pacific</i>	SET
	Plisch Broadcast Asia Pacific	—	
 South Africa	Sentech	<i>Sentech</i>	Sentech
 South Korea	Korean Broadcasting Institute	—	KBI
 Sri Lanka	Worldwide Global Media Limited	—	YA*TV
 Sweden	Dolby Sweden	—	
 Switzerland	Digital Video Broadcasting	—	DVB
 Tonga	Tonga Broadcasting Commission	<i>Komisoni Fakamafolalea Tonga</i>	TBC
 United Kingdom	VT Communications	<i>United Kingdom VT Group Plc</i>	VT Communications
	International Association of Broadcasting Manufacturers	<i>International Association of Broadcasting Manufacturers</i>	IABM
	Broadcast UK Limited	—	Radioscape
 USA	Pacific Television Center	—	PacTV
	Radio Free Asia	—	RFA
	Pacific Satellite Connection	—	PACSAT

Other activities

Emergency Warning Broadcasting System (EWBS) for the Asia-Pacific region

EWBS development work has focused on identifying a suitable country code methodology. This system of codes has now been standardised by ITU-R. The General Assembly in Beijing endorsed the work carried out by the TC and issued an ABU Declaration calling all members to encourage their respective governments to implement an EWBS system.^{[[citation needed](#)]}

ABU Engineering Excellence Awards



Veronica Pedrosa of Al Jazeera addressing an ABU conference

ABU Engineering Industry Excellence Award and ABU Broadcast Engineering Excellence Award are presented annually to broadcast personalities who have made significant contributions respectively to their organisations and to the industry as a whole. They are selected from nominations made by ABU members and followed by an evaluation process by a panel of judges. The Broadcast Engineering Excellence Award is being sponsored by Broadcast and Professional Pacific Asia Company (BPPA). The award includes a study tour of Sony research facilities.^[*citation needed*]

Publications

The ABU publishes the *ABU News* magazine while the Technical Department publishes the *Technical Review*. Both publications are published quarterly. They are sent free to members and non-affiliates and published in print version, downloadable in PDF format through the ABU's Publications area of the ABU's website and on ABU's app on [Android](#). The ABU also publishes books related to broadcasting which is available in print.

Inter-union activities

The [World Broadcasting Unions](#) (WBU) brings together eight unions including the ABU. The WBU has a number of specialised forums, including the International Satellite Operations Group (WBU-ISOG) and the Technical Committee (WBU-TC). The ABU is an active member of both.

See also

- [ABU Song Festivals](#)
- [Arab States Broadcasting Union](#)
- [Asia-Pacific Robot Contest](#)
- [Association for International Broadcasting](#)
- [Caribbean Broadcasting Union](#)
- [Caribbean News Agency](#)
- [Commonwealth Broadcasting Association](#)
- [Commonwealth Press Union](#)
- [European Broadcasting Union](#)
- [International Telecommunication Union](#)
- [National Association of Broadcasters](#)
- [North American Broadcasters Association](#)

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